

UT-04-Picture-Side by Side		
Visual	Audio	Back-Up
Cutout of Mia Love wearing a button with "Medicare" crossed out next to a framed photo of a happy senior couple. The photo falls and lands, cracking the glass in the frame.	Mia Love doesn't love Medicare. It's <i>not</i> a pretty picture.	
<p><b>"The plan would essentially end Medicare."</b>  Wall Street Journal, <u>4/4/11</u></p>	<p>Mia Love supported a budget plan that the Wall Street Journal said, "would essentially end Medicare."</p>	<p><b>Love Supported Ryan Budget</b></p> <p>On the three-page budget plan that she released during her campaign, Love wrote, "Mia supports Rep. Paul Ryan's budget proposal, which preserves Medicare for current beneficiaries and responsibly reforms Medicare to make it solvent for futures retirees. [<u>Mia Love Budget</u>, accessed 9/24/12]</p> <p><i>See Appendix A</i></p> <p><b>Plan Would "Essentially End Medicare"</b></p> <p>The <u>Wall Street Journal</u> wrote of the budget plan, "The plan would essentially end Medicare, which now pays most of the health-care bills for 48 million elderly and disabled Americans, as a program that directly pays those bills. [<u>Wall Street Journal</u>, 4/04/11]</p> <p><i>See Appendix B</i></p>

<p>The photos falls again and cracks more.</p> <p><b>Replace Medicare with Voucher System</b></p>	<p><b>The plan would replace Medicare with a voucher system that would double seniors' medical bills...</b></p> <p><b>Raising out-of-pocket expenses by \$6,400 a year.</b></p>	<p><b>Seniors Pay \$6400 More, Nearly Double, Per Year for Health Care</b></p> <p>Using Congressional Budget Office's analysis of the FY 2012 Path to Prosperity Republican Budget, in 2022 seniors would individually pay nearly \$6400 more for health care under the Republican budget then they would otherwise.</p> <p>The Republican Budget stipulates that in 2022, the average Medicare beneficiary would receive a premium support payment of \$8,000, covering 39 percent of their total health care costs, making the individual responsible for paying \$12,512. The total cost of health care would be \$20,512.</p> <p>Under the alternative fiscal scenario, total health care costs in 2022 would be 72 percent of the cost of the Republican Budget, featuring a 42:30 ratio of government to beneficiary spending. The cost of government spending per beneficiary would be \$8,615, while the individual would be responsible for \$6,153. The total cost of health care would be \$14,768.</p>
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<p>The photo falls again and cracks even more.</p> <p><b>Mia Love Seniors Pay the Price</b></p>	<p><b>Mia Love breaks Medicare, but seniors pay the price.</b></p>	
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